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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].
 - a. is attached hereto
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].
10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].

Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A preliminary amendment.
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. A substitute specification.
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C.154(d)(4).
19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C.154(d)(4).
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All other situations.....		\$200		
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)] has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....		\$100		
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office.....		\$400		
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$700.00
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